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In re Application of

Estell et al.

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Filed: February 8, 2000

For: Proteins Producing an Altered
Immunogenic Response and Methods
of Making and Using the Same

Group Art Unit: 1644

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, enclosed please find the following documents: Amendment and Response to Office Action with Appendices 1-4 attached and Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and fee of \$110.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC527-C1). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 7, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made as indicated below. Applicants also petition for a one-month extension of time for filing the present Response. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. A listing of the Claims, showing the present amendments begins on page 2, while Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6, and the Conclusion is provided on page 8, herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending Claims are allowable and request that the present Claims be passed to allowance.

¹*Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

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